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Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: FCC Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman & Commissioners:

On behalf of the 150,000 working men and women represented by over 100 local unions of the Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO, I ask you to support the proposed merger between T-Mobile and AT&T.

The wireless technology AT&T will deliver if the merger is approved will create jobs, expand access to next-generation broadband, and support economic development. While many of our members would likely do part of the work associated with the additional \$8 billion investment AT&T has committed to expanded its network infrastructure, this merger will also allow for increased broadband access in traditionally underserved areas of the country, many of which exist in Philadelphia. This increased access will benefit consumers and will help to provide new opportunities for education, health care and business.

As an organization that fights for workers, we also favor the merger because of AT&T's role as one of the most responsible employers in the country with respect to workers' rights. Thousands of workers and their families have a better quality of life because AT&T's policy of union neutrality has allowed workers to freely decide whether to join a union, giving them the opportunity to have a voice on the job through collective bargaining. With this merger, 20,000 T-Mobile employees would have the chance to join the ranks of AT&T's unionized workforce.

We hope you will support this merger because it is in the best interests of working men and women. As history shows, policies in the best interest of working families are in the best interest of the nation as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patrick J. Eiding". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first name "Patrick" being more prominent than the last name "Eiding".

Patrick J. Eiding
President

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